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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Timothy R. Ryan et al. Examiner: William H. Matthews  
Serial No.: 09/982,299 Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: October 16, 2001 Docket No.: M190.137.101  
**Due Date:** **January 23, 2004 (w/ extension)**  
**Title:** ANNULOPLASTY BAND AND METHOD

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir/Madam:

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief previously filed  
on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other: Change of Attorney's Address

2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0471:

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- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) (**\$770.00**)
  - ii.  One-Month Extension-of-Time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17) (**\$110.00**)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2308 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

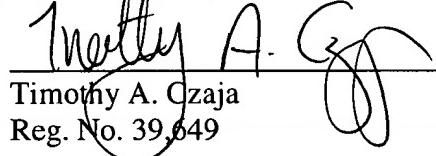
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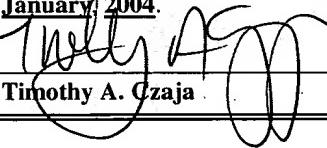
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Reg. No. 39,649

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 23 day of January, 2004.

  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: **Timothy A. Czaja**